



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 03/08/2021

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 03/01/2021

Time: 9:53 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: Refugee Rd & Schwartz Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 210143204

Cruiser District: 94

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Incident Summary: On 03/01/2021 at approximately 9:53 PM, Ms. Jerika Watkins (24) of Columbus was driving westbound on Refugee Road, west of Schwartz Road, in a 2004 Toyota Camry. At this time, Mr. Dante Mackey (21) and Ms. Oddessie Teague (20), both of Columbus, were walking eastbound along the north side of Refugee Road. Mr. Mackey and Ms. Teague abruptly entered the roadway, crossing into the path of the oncoming Toyota and were struck by the vehicle. Ms. Teague was transported by CFD Medic 21 to Grant Medical Center and was later pronounced dead at 11:37 PM. Mr. Mackey was transported by CFD Medic 4, also to Grant Medical Center, and remains listed in critical condition.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

To date in Columbus, there have been 15 reported fatal motor vehicle crashes, resulting in 17 fatalities.

*****UPDATE - On March 8, 2021, the Franklin County Coroner's Office advised AIU that Mr. Dante Mackey was pronounced dead at Grant Medical Center on March 4, 2021.

This investigation is continuing.

To date in 2021, there have been 16 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 19 fatalities.

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